



**Town of Sherman  
Board of Selectman  
Budget Hearing  
February 28, 2015  
9:00am  
Mallory Town Hall**

FINAL

**Members Present:** First Selectman, C. Cope, Selectman B. Ostrosky and Selectman A. O'Connor

**Call to Order:**

First Selectman C. Cope Called the Meeting to Order at 9:05a.m.

**Public Safety Communications Committee:**

D. Hopkins presented the proposed 2015-16 FY Budget request to be added to the Five year Capital Plan to be funded in phases to cover improvements to the ESF radio communications. In addition to the budget request, Mr. Hopkins provided a visual report showing areas of Sherman that would benefit from these improvements. There is anticipated STEAP grant funding that will offset the cost of these improvements, the amount is unknown at this time.

**FY 2015-16 Phase I-** projected to be a minimum of \$ 33,000.00

This phase includes: equipment installation, legal consultation, and a 10% contingency.

**FY 2016-17 Phase II-** projected at \$ 65,000.00

This phase includes: simulcast equipment in the ESF.

**FY 2017-18 Phase III-** projected at \$ 180,000.00

This phase includes: Site 1 equipment and site development.

**FY 2018-19 Phase IV-** projected at \$ 170,000.00

This phase includes: Site 2 equipment and site development

**Park and Recreation:**

J. Wrenn and F. Frattini presented the 2015-16 proposed Budget in the new format as per the request of the BoS. There was confusion regarding the request to merge the salary lines of the Director and the Assistant Director. Discussion followed regarding the request for Facilities repairs within the supplies line of the Budget. The SPARK program is projecting a \$ 5,000.00 loss by the FY end. Additionally discussed was the seawall at the Town Beach. A safety assessment has been scheduled to determine the integrity of the wall. A follow-up will be reported at the next meeting.

**Summer Concerts Programs:**

requesting additional funding to expand the program \$ 1,000.00

**SPARK Supplies:**

requesting funding for a copier \$ 600.00

**Life Guards and Counselors wages:** requesting a 3.9% increase due to minimum wage increase.

**Capital Improvements:**

Tennis Courts- improvements projected at	\$ 150,000.00
Docks & Boardwalk- anticipated cost	\$ 37,000.00
Scout House- gutter replacement anticipated at	\$ 1,200.00
Veterans Field- new doors and locks anticipated at	\$ 1,500.00
Outhouses - requesting an increase to repair these buildings	\$ 2,500.00

**Candlewood Lake Authority:**

P. Schaer, and L. Marsicano, presented the proposed FY 2015-16 Budget

<b>Annual contribution request:</b>	<b>\$ 74,636.00</b>
<b>Break-down:</b>	
4% Wages increase, due to cost of living increase all staff:	\$ 10,209.00
Lake Patrol requesting new radios, required by DEEP	\$ 20,000.00
Equipment: replace/ repair aging boats and vehicle	\$ 19,000.00
Operating expenses:	
Phones	\$ 2,700.00
Gas/oil	\$ 3,000.00
Events/ Community Outreach	\$ 3,275.00
CLEAR project	\$ 5,000.00
Fireworks	\$ 2,000.00
Clean-up	\$ 5,000.00

**Social Services:**

B. Trott presented the proposed FY 2015-16 Budget

Clerical: increase hours due to increased case load	\$ 8,000.00
Supplies: add a line, swapped from CoA to buy computer software	\$ 300.00
Mileage: increase from \$ 400.00 to	\$ 600.00
Veteran's Center: increase from \$ 100.00 to	\$ 200.00

**Senior Center:**

S. Berger presented the proposed FY 2015-16 Budget

Senior Center increase this year overall \$ 2,702.00	
Driver: total increase of hours and rate of pay	\$ 3,002.00
CoA Clerk/ and supplies	\$ 1,250.00

<b>Northwest Conservation District: flat</b>	<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>
<b>Paramedic Intercept Program: originally \$ 24,682.00 requested decreased to</b>	<b>\$ 23,456.00</b>
<b>LCD- 911 Service Contract: request increased from \$36,296.00 to</b>	<b>\$ 37,764.30</b>
<b>Trooper/ Police Protection: used last 2014-15 request</b>	<b>\$ 76,000.00</b>
<b>Regional Animal Control: request reduced from \$ 16,070.00 to</b>	<b>\$ 16,067.00</b>
<b>Collections &amp; Recycling: requested increased from \$ 23,560.00 to</b>	<b>\$ 23,863.00</b>
<b>Women's Center: flat</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Visiting Nurse: request increased from \$ 13,650.00 to</b>	<b>\$ 16,130.00</b>
<b>Veterans Center: request increased from \$ 100.00 to</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>Probate: request reduced from \$ 2,410.00 to</b>	<b>\$ 2,250.55</b>
<b>Cemeteries: flat</b>	
<b>WeCAHR: flat</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>North West Regional Mental Health: request increased from \$ 401.00 to</b>	<b>\$ 404.00</b>

**Town Clerk:**

C. Havens presented the proposed FY 2015-16 Budget.

Indexing: increased from \$ 16,728.00 to \$ 17,868.00

T. Viola presented the proposed FY 2015-16 Budgets for the following Departments:

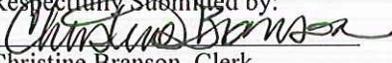
**Building Department:** flat  
**Health Department:** flat  
**Inlands / Wetlands Commission:** flat

Discussion followed requesting the BoS consider purchasing a large scale scanner to preserve plans and surveys. The Town is mandated by the State to maintain certain records in perpetuity of Public, and Municipal owned properties. The plans and surveys that are kept in perpetuity are not on archival paper and will eventually deteriorate. A good way to reduce the loss of these records is to scan them and save on disk or existing back-up servers. Several other Departments could benefit from this purchase also. The BoS discussed an alternative to this proposal, which would be to hire a company to come to Town Hall and scan the necessary documents.

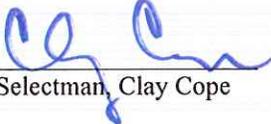
**Adjournment:**

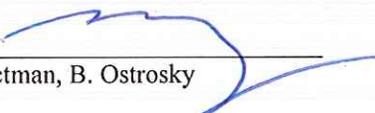
Selectman A. O'Connor Adjourned the Meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

  
Christine Branson, Clerk  
March 5, 2014

APPROVED AS WRITTEN AT THE MARCH 26, 2015 REGULAR MEETING

  
First Selectman, Clay Cope

  
Selectman, B. Ostrosky

  
Selectman, A. O'Connor